



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**
c/o DCRA– 1100 4th Street SW, - 5th Floor - Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Fire **SECTION NO.:** 1103.6 **SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO.:** FC-FLS-11-3-13
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Fire & Life Safety **CHAIR:** Taylor **PHONE:** 202-727-1805 **E-mail:** herbert.taylor@dc.gov
DATES OF PROPOSAL: 4/18/12 **CCCCB PRESENTATION:** 4/27/12 **CCCCB APPROVAL:** 6.13.12

5.16.12 – Revised by TAG
6.1.12 – Revised version sent to Board

CHECK ONE: ☐ *Revise section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*
 ☐ *Add new section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

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Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE):

☐ *Increase* ☒ *Decrease* ☐ *Negligible* ☐ *Unknown*

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling *to*
Per 1,000SF of commercial building *to*

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

- ☐ **To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.**
☒ **To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute**
☐ **For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes**
☐ **Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia**
☒ **Correction of errors and omissions**
☐ **Other (explain)**



This proposed change revises the requirement for existing buildings with provisions that are consistent with the D.C. Existing Structures Code Supplement of 1986 (1987 12 DCMR E § ES-904.3). The model code language also was modified to address technical inconsistencies and to be more similar to 2012 IBC requirement. This code change was labeled FLS-46-5-11 when previously approved as a part of 2011 12 DCMR H, on 11-2-2010.

Strike Section 1103.6 of the International Fire Code in its entirety and insert new Section 1103.6 to the Fire Code in its place to read as follows:

1103.6 Standpipes. Existing structures shall be equipped with standpipe systems installed in accordance with Section 905 were required in Sections 1103.6.1 and 1103.6.2. The *fire code official* is authorized to approve the ~~installation use~~ of manual standpipe systems to achieve compliance with this section where the responding fire department is capable of providing the required hose flow at the highest standpipe outlet.

Exception: Existing structures that are equipped with existing standpipe systems are not required to upgrade the standpipe systems to comply with the installation requirements of Section 905, where approved by the *fire code official*.

1103.6.1 Existing multiple-story buildings. Existing buildings with occupied floors located more than 75 feet (22 860mm) ~~50 feet (15 240 mm)~~ above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access or more than 75 feet (22 860mm) ~~50 feet (15 240 mm)~~ below the highest level of fire department vehicle access shall be equipped with standpipes systems.

1103.6.2 Existing helistops and heliports. Existing buildings with a rooftop helistop or heliport located more than 30 feet (9144 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access ~~to the roof level on which the helistop or heliport is located~~ shall be equipped with a standpipe system extended to the roof level on which the helistop or heliport is located in accordance with Section 2007.

